



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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**DEADLINE ESTABLISHED FOR  
PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING  
PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE  
  
STATEWIDE BALLOT PROPOSAL  
  
MAY 5, 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION**

Under Michigan election law, the Director of Elections is charged with drafting ballot language for proposals to amend the Michigan Constitution and the Board of State Canvassers is charged with reviewing and approving the language. The standards that govern the statement of purpose are found at MCL 168.32(2) and 168.485.

The Board of State Canvassers will [meet](#) on February 26, 2015 to determine ballot wording for the upcoming special election. Attached is the statement of purpose prepared by the Director of Elections for the Board's consideration.

Proponents, opponents, and other parties interested in the ballot proposal are encouraged to provide written comments regarding the proposed ballot language **by 5:00 p.m. on February 24, 2015**. Comments sent by U.S. Mail or overnight or hand delivery will be accepted at the address provided at the bottom of this notice. Materials also may be submitted by fax (517-373-0941) or email ([elections@michigan.gov](mailto:elections@michigan.gov)), but should be followed by a hard copy.

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A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM SALES TAX RATE FROM 6% TO 7%, ELIMINATE SALES AND USE TAXES ON GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL, DEDICATE A PORTION OF USE TAX REVENUE TO THE SCHOOL AID FUND, REVISE PERMISSIBLE USES OF THE SCHOOL AID FUND, AND TRIGGER OTHER LAWS THAT INCLUDE DEDICATING REVENUE FOR ROADS AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Set maximum sales tax rate at 7% (now 6%).
- Exempt gasoline / diesel fuel from sales and use taxes.
- Dedicate portion of use tax to School Aid Fund (SAF).
- Allow use of SAF for public community colleges and career / technical education and prohibit use for higher education.
- Trigger laws that include but not limited to:
  - Increase sales / use tax rates to 7%;
  - Increase motor fuel tax on gasoline / diesel fuel and vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes;
  - Require competitive bidding and warranties for road projects; and
  - Increase earned income tax credit.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES    [   ]

NO     [   ]

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